

Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 52318
Aqua Utilities, Inc.
RN101502730
Docket No. 2016-0669-PWS-E

Order Type:

Findings Agreed Order

Findings Order Justification:

Three or more enforcement actions (NOVs, orders, etc.) over the prior five year period for the same violation(s).

Media:

PWS

Small Business:

Yes

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

Hill Country Northwest Cherry Hollow, located off of Sandy Ridge, north of Lindeman Loop near Jonestown, Travis County

Type of Operation:

Public water supply

Other Significant Matters:

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No

Past-Due Penalties: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: None

Texas Register Publication Date: August 12, 2016

Comments Received: No

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$351

Amount Deferred for Naturally Occurring Radionuclides: \$351

Amount Deferred for Financial Inability to Pay: \$0

Total Paid to General Revenue: \$0

Total Due to General Revenue: \$0

Payment Plan: N/A

Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP") Conditional Offset: \$0

Name of SEP: N/A

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN - Satisfactory

Site/RN - N/A

Major Source: Yes

Statutory Limit Adjustment: N/A

Applicable Penalty Policy: April 2014

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Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): N/A

Complaint Information: N/A

Date(s) of Investigation: April 11, 2016 through April 29, 2016

Date(s) of NOE(s): April 29, 2016

Violation Information

Failed to comply with the maximum contaminant level (“MCL”) of 15 picoCuries per liter for gross alpha particle activity based on the running annual average [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.108(f)(1) and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 341.0315(c)].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

N/A

Technical Requirements:

The Order will require the Respondent to:

- a. Within 120 days, complete a feasibility study, or update an existing feasibility study, and submit a written report or engineering study conducted by a Texas registered professional engineer regarding the results of the feasibility study to evaluate the necessary corrective actions designed to achieve compliance with the MCL for gross alpha particle activity. The report shall include a tentative schedule describing additional studies, tests, or other methods that may be utilized for the completion of necessary corrective actions within 1,095 days. If the Respondent purchases or sells water, a copy of the purchase water contract must be submitted with the feasibility study report or engineering study;
- b. Within 135 days, submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with a.;
- c. Within 180 days, submit an acceptable written plan, including a proposed schedule, to the Executive Director that provides for the completion of an alternate water source or treatment technology;
- d. Within 180 days, and on a semi-annual basis thereafter, submit progress reports. These reports shall include information regarding actions taken to provide water which meets the MCL for gross alpha particle activity;
- e. Within 195 days, submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with c.;

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f. Within 1,095 days, return to compliance with the MCL for gross alpha particle activity; and

g. Within 1,110 days, submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with f.

Litigation Information

Date Petition(s) Filed: N/A

Date Answer(s) Filed: N/A

SOAH Referral Date: N/A

Hearing Date(s): N/A

Settlement Date: N/A

Contact Information

TCEQ Attorney: N/A

TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Steven Hall, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 2, MC 169, (512) 239-2569; Michael Parrish, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-2548

TCEQ SEP Coordinator: N/A

Respondent: Robert L. Laughman, President, Aqua Utilities, Inc., 1106 Clayton Lane Suite 400W, Austin, Texas 78723-2476

Scot Foltz, Compliance Manager, Aqua Utilities, Inc., 1106 Clayton Lane Suite 400W, Austin, Texas 78723-2476

Respondent's Attorney: N/A



Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 4 (April 2014)

PCW Revision March 26, 2014

DATES	Assigned	2-May-2016	Screening	6-May-2016	EPA Due	31-Mar-2016
	PCW	6-May-2016				

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION	
Respondent	Aqua Utilities, Inc.
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN101502730
Facility/Site Region	11-Austin
Major/Minor Source	Major

CASE INFORMATION		No. of Violations	1
Enf./Case ID No.	52318	Order Type	Findings
Docket No.	2016-0669-PWS-E	Government/Non-Profit	No
Media Program(s)	Public Water Supply	Enf. Coordinator	Steven Hall
Multi-Media		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 2
Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum	\$50	Maximum	\$1,000

Penalty Calculation Section

TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties) **Subtotal 1** **\$300**

ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1

Subtotals 2-7 are obtained by multiplying the Total Base Penalty (Subtotal 1) by the indicated percentage.

Compliance History **17.0%** **Adjustment** **Subtotals 2, 3, & 7** **\$51**

Notes Enhancement for three NOV's with the same/similar violations and one NOV with dissimilar violations.

Culpability **No** **0.0%** **Enhancement** **Subtotal 4** **\$0**

Notes The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.

Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments **Subtotal 5** **\$0**

Economic Benefit **0.0%** **Enhancement*** **Subtotal 6** **\$0**

Total EB Amounts **\$12,159**
Estimated Cost of Compliance **\$40,000**

*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7 **Final Subtotal** **\$351**

OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE **0.0%** **Adjustment** **\$0**

Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes

Final Penalty Amount **\$351**

STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT **Final Assessed Penalty** **\$351**

DEFERRAL **0.0%** **Reduction** **Adjustment** **\$0**

Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage.

Notes

No deferral is recommended for Findings Orders.

PAYABLE PENALTY **\$351**

Screening Date 6-May-2016

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PCW

Respondent Aqua Utilities, Inc.

Policy Revision 4 (April 2014)

Case ID No. 52318

PCW Revision March 26, 2014

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101502730

Media [Statute] Public Water Supply

Enf. Coordinator Steven Hall

Compliance History Worksheet

>> Compliance History Site Enhancement (Subtotal 2)

Component	Number of...	Number	Adjust.
NOVs	Written notices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action (<i>number of NOVs meeting criteria</i>)	3	15%
	Other written NOVs	1	2%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (<i>number of orders meeting criteria</i>)	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	0	0%
Judgments and Consent Decrees	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government (<i>number of judgments or consent decrees meeting criteria</i>)	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state or the federal government	0	0%
Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government (<i>number of counts</i>)	0	0%
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events (<i>number of events</i>)	0	0%
Audits	Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (<i>number of audits for which notices were submitted</i>)	0	0%
	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (<i>number of audits for which violations were disclosed</i>)	0	0%
Other	Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%
	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%
	Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%
	Early compliance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federal government environmental requirements	No	0%

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 2) 17%

>> Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)

N/A

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3) 0%

>> Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)

Satisfactory Performer

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7) 0%

>> Compliance History Summary

Compliance
History
Notes

Enhancement for three NOVs with the same/similar violations and one NOV with dissimilar violations.

Total Compliance History Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) 17%

>> Final Compliance History Adjustment

Final Adjustment Percentage *capped at 100% 17%

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PCW

Respondent Aqua Utilities, Inc.

Policy Revision 4 (April 2014)

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PCW Revision March 26, 2014

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101502730

Media [Statute] Public Water Supply

Enf. Coordinator Steven Hall

Violation Number 1

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 290.108(f)(1) and Tex. Health & Safety Code § 341.0315(c)

Violation Description

Failed to comply with the maximum contaminant level ("MCL") of 15 picoCuries per liter ("pCi/L") for gross alpha particle activity, based on the running annual average. Specifically, the running annual average concentrations of gross alpha particle activity were 16 pCi/L for the second quarter of 2015, 17 pCi/L for the third quarter of 2015, and 17 pCi/L for the fourth quarter of 2015.

Base Penalty \$1,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm		
	Major	Moderate	Minor
Actual		x	
Potential			

Percent 30.0%

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification			
	Major	Moderate	Minor

Percent 0.0%

Matrix Notes

Exceeding the MCL for gross alpha particle activity caused the persons served by the Facility to be exposed to a significant amount of pollutants which do not exceed levels protective of human health.

Adjustment \$700

\$300

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1

270 Number of violation days

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	x
single event	

Violation Base Penalty \$300

One annual event is recommended.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

0.0%

Reduction \$0

Before NOE/NOV NOE/NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer

Extraordinary		
Ordinary		
N/A	x	

Notes

The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria for this violation.

Violation Subtotal \$300

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$12,159

Violation Final Penalty Total \$351

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$351

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Aqua Utilities, Inc.
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Media Public Water Supply
Violation No. 1

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
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Delayed Costs

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$40,000	30-Jun-2015	1-Nov-2019	4.34	\$579	\$11,580	\$12,159
Engineering/Construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs

The delayed cost includes the estimated amount for the Facility to investigate, identify, and implement the necessary corrective actions to return to compliance with the MCL for gross alpha particle activity, calculated from the last day of the first quarter of noncompliance to the estimated date of compliance.

Avoided Costs

ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)

Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance	\$40,000	TOTAL	\$12,159
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TCEQ Compliance History Report

PUBLISHED Compliance History Report for CN602787509, RN101502730, Rating Year 2015 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2010, through August 31, 2015

Customer, Respondent, or Owner/Operator: CN602787509, Aqua Utilities, Inc. **Classification:** SATISFACTORY **Rating:** 5.94

Regulated Entity: RN101502730, HILL COUNTRY NORTHWEST CHERRY HOLLOW **Classification:** NOT APPLICABLE **Rating:** N/A

Complexity Points: N/A **Repeat Violator:** N/A

CH Group: 14 - Other

Location: OFF OF SANDY RIDGE, NORTH OF LINDEMAN LOOP NEAR JONESTOWN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

TCEQ Region: REGION 11 - AUSTIN

ID Number(s):
PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/SUPPLY REGISTRATION 2270173

Compliance History Period: September 01, 2010 to August 31, 2015 **Rating Year:** 2015 **Rating Date:** 09/01/2015

Date Compliance History Report Prepared: May 05, 2016

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Component Period Selected: May 05, 2011 to May 05, 2016

TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding This Compliance History.

Name: TCEQ Staff Member

Phone: (512) 239-2569

Site and Owner/Operator History:

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| 1) Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five year compliance period? | YES |
| 2) Has there been a (known) change in ownership/operator of the site during the compliance period? | NO |
| 3) If YES for #2, who is the current owner/operator? | N/A |
| 4) If YES for #2, who was/were the prior owner(s)/operator(s)? | N/A |
| 5) If YES , when did the change(s) in owner or operator occur? | N/A |

Components (Multimedia) for the Site Are Listed in Sections A - J

A. Final Orders, court judgments, and consent decrees:
N/A

B. Criminal convictions:
N/A

C. Chronic excessive emissions events:
N/A

D. The approval dates of investigations (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.):
N/A

E. Written notices of violations (NOV) (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.):

A notice of violation represents a written allegation of a violation of a specific regulatory requirement from the commission to a regulated entity. A notice of violation is not a final enforcement action, nor proof that a violation has actually occurred.

1	Date:	08/25/2015 (1268930)	CN602787509
	Self Report?	NO	Classification: Moderate

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter D 290.41(c)(3)(O)
 Description: Failure to protect well unit with an intruder-resistant fence to prevent possible contamination or damage to facilities by trespassers.
 Self Report? NO Classification: Minor
 Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter D 290.45(b)(1)(D)(iii)
 Description: Failure to have two or more pumps having a total capacity of 2.0 gpm per connection or that have a total capacity of 1,000 gpm and the ability to meet peak hourly demands with the largest pump out of service.
 Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate
 Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter D 290.45(b)(1)(D)(iv)
 Description: Failure to provide an elevated storage capacity of 100 gallons per connection or a pressure tank capacity of 20 gallons per connection.
 Self Report? NO Classification: Minor
 Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter D 290.45(b)(1)(D)(v)
 Description: Failure to provide emergency power or an elevated storage capacity of 100 gallons per connection.
 Self Report? NO Classification: Minor
 Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.109(c)
 Description: Failure to collect samples for total coliform, fecal coliform, E. coli, or other fecal indicator organisms at the location and frequency as directed by the TCEQ.

- 2 Date: 10/29/2015 (1328914) CN602787509
 Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate
 Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.108(f)(1)
 Description: GA MCL 2Q2015 - During the 2nd quarter of 2015 the system violated the maximum contaminant level for gross alpha with a RAA of 16 pCi/L.
- 3 Date: 02/02/2016 (1328914) CN602787509
 Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate
 Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.108(f)(1)
 Description: GA MCL 3Q2015 - During the 3rd quarter of 2015 the system violated the maximum contaminant level for gross alpha with a RAA of 17 pCi/L.
- 4 Date: 03/29/2016 (1328914) CN602787509
 Self Report? NO Classification: Moderate
 Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.108(f)(1)
 Description: GA MCL 4Q2015 - During the 4th quarter of 2015 the system violated the maximum contaminant level for gross alpha with a RAA of 17 pCi/L.

F. Environmental audits:

N/A

G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs):

N/A

H. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates:

N/A

I. Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program:

N/A

J. Early compliance:

N/A

Sites Outside of Texas:

N/A

Component Appendices

Appendix A

All NOVs Issued During Component Period 5/5/2011 and 5/5/2016

- 1 Date: 09/12/2012 (1022002) CN602787509
Classification: Minor
Self Report? NO For Informational Purposes Only
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter D 290.46(m)(1)
 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter D 290.46(m)(1)(A)
Description: The system failed to perform annual inspection of the system's two standpipes.
- 2* Date: 08/25/2015 (1268930) CN602787509
Classification: Moderate
Self Report? NO For Informational Purposes Only
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter D 290.41(c)(3)(O)
Description: Failure to protect well unit with an intruder-resistant fence to prevent possible contamination or damage to facilities by trespassers.
Classification: Minor
Self Report? NO For Informational Purposes Only
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter D 290.45(b)(1)(D)(iii)
Description: Failure to have two or more pumps having a total capacity of 2.0 gpm per connection or that have a total capacity of 1,000 gpm and the ability to meet peak hourly demands with the largest pump out of service.
Classification: Moderate
Self Report? NO For Informational Purposes Only
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter D 290.45(b)(1)(D)(iv)
Description: Failure to provide an elevated storage capacity of 100 gallons per connection or a pressure tank capacity of 20 gallons per connection.
Classification: Minor
Self Report? NO For Informational Purposes Only
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter D 290.45(b)(1)(D)(v)
Description: Failure to provide emergency power or an elevated storage capacity of 100 gallons per connection.
Classification: Minor
Self Report? NO For Informational Purposes Only
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.109(c)
Description: Failure to collect samples for total coliform, fecal coliform, E. coli, or other fecal indicator organisms at the location and frequency as directed by the TCEQ.
- 3 Date: 10/29/2015 (1328914) CN602787509
Classification: Moderate
Self Report? NO For Informational Purposes Only
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.108(f)(1)
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Classification: Moderate
Self Report? NO For Informational Purposes Only
Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.108(f)(1)
Description: GA MCL 4Q2015 - During the 4th quarter of 2015 the system violated the maximum contaminant level for gross alpha with a RAA of 17 pCi/L.

* NOVs applicable for the Compliance History rating period 9/1/2010 to 8/31/2015

Appendix B

All Investigations Conducted During Component Period May 05, 2011 and May 05, 2016

Item 1	June 05, 2012**	(1009241) For Informational Purposes Only
Item 2	September 11, 2012**	(1022002) For Informational Purposes Only
Item 3	August 24, 2015**	(1268930) For Informational Purposes Only
Item 4	April 20, 2016	(1296079) For Informational Purposes Only
Item 5	April 27, 2016	(1328914) For Informational Purposes Only
Item 6	April 29, 2016	(1329694) For Informational Purposes Only

* No violations documented during this investigation

**Investigation applicable for the Compliance History Rating period between 09/01/2010 and 08/31/2015.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



**IN THE MATTER OF AN
ENFORCEMENT ACTION
CONCERNING
AQUA UTILITIES, INC.
RN101502730**

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**BEFORE THE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2016-0669-PWS-E

On _____, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding Aqua Utilities, Inc. (the "Respondent") under the authority of TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 341. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and the Respondent presented this Order to the Commission.

The Respondent understands that it has certain procedural rights at certain points in the enforcement process, including the right to formal notice of violations, notice of an evidentiary hearing, the right to an evidentiary hearing, and a right to appeal. By entering into this Order, the Respondent agrees to waive all notice and procedural rights.

It is further understood and agreed that this Order represents the complete and fully-integrated agreement of the parties. The provisions of this Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable. The duties and responsibilities imposed by this Order are binding upon the Respondent.

The Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent owns and operates a public water supply located off of Sandy Ridge, north of Lindeman Loop near Jonestown, Travis County, Texas (the "Facility"). The Facility provides water for human consumption, has approximately 316 service connections, and serves at least 25 people per day for at least 60 days per year. As such, the Facility is a public water system as defined in 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.38(69).
2. During a record review conducted on April 11, 2016 through April 29, 2016, TCEQ staff documented that the running annual average concentrations of gross alpha particle activity were 16 picoCuries per liter ("pCi/L") for the second quarter of 2015, 17 pCi/L for the third quarter of 2015, and 17 pCi/L for the fourth quarter of 2015.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 1, the Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the TCEQ pursuant to TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 341 and the rules of the TCEQ.
2. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 2, the Respondent failed to comply with the maximum contaminant level ("MCL") of 15 pCi/L for gross alpha particle activity, based on the running annual average, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.108(f)(1) and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 341.0315(c).
3. Pursuant to TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 341.049(a), the TCEQ has the authority to assess an administrative penalty against the Respondent for violations of state statutes within the TCEQ's jurisdiction, for violations of rules adopted under such statutes, or for violations of orders or permits issued under such statutes.
4. An administrative penalty in the amount of \$351 is justified by the facts recited in this Order, and considered in light of the factors set forth in TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 341.049(b). The amount of \$351 is deferred contingent upon the Respondent's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Order and shall be waived only upon full compliance with all the terms and conditions contained in this Order. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with any requirement contained in this Order, the Executive Director may demand payment of all or part of the conditionally deferred penalty.

III. ORDERING PROVISIONS

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ORDERS that:

1. The Respondent is assessed a penalty as set forth in Conclusion of Law No. 4 for violations of state statutes and rules of the TCEQ. The payment of this penalty and the Respondent's compliance with all the requirements set forth in this Order resolve only the matters set forth by this Order in this action. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective actions or penalties for violations that are not raised here. Penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: Aqua Utilities, Inc., Docket No. 2016-0669-PWS-E" to:

Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations Section
Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13088
Austin, Texas 78711-3088

2. The Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:

- a. Within 120 days after the effective date of this Order, complete a feasibility study, or update an existing feasibility study, and submit a written report or engineering study conducted by a Texas registered professional engineer regarding the results of the feasibility study to evaluate the necessary corrective actions designed to achieve compliance with the MCL for gross alpha particle activity. The report shall include a tentative schedule describing additional studies, tests, or other methods that may be utilized for the completion of necessary corrective actions within 1,095 days after the effective date of this Order. If the Respondent purchases or sells water, a copy of the purchase water contract must be submitted with the feasibility study report or engineering study. The evaluation shall be sent to the addresses listed in Ordering Provision No. 2.g.
- b. Within 135 days after the effective date of this Order, submit written certification as described in Ordering Provision No. 2.g below to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision No. 2.a.
- c. Within 180 days after the effective date of this Order, submit an acceptable written plan, including a proposed schedule, to the Executive Director that provides for the completion of an alternate water source or treatment technology to the addresses listed in Ordering Provision No. 2.g.
- d. Within 180 days after the effective date of this Order, and on a semi-annual basis thereafter, submit progress reports to the addresses listed in Ordering Provision No. 2.g below. These reports shall include information regarding actions taken to provide water which meets the MCL for gross alpha particle activity.
- e. Within 195 days after the effective date of this Order, submit written certification as described in Ordering Provision No. 2.g below to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision No. 2.c.
- f. Within 1,095 days after the effective date of this Order, return to compliance with the MCL for gross alpha particle activity, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.108.
- g. Within 1,110 days after the effective date of this Order, submit written certification as described below, and include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision No. 2.f. The certification shall be signed by the Respondent and shall include the following certification language:

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted and all attached documents, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete. I

am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations."

The certification shall be submitted to:

Order Compliance Team
Enforcement Division, MC 149A
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

with a copy to:

Public Drinking Water Section Manager
Water Supply Division, MC 155
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

3. All relief not expressly granted in this Order is denied.
4. The duties and provisions imposed by this Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent. The Respondent is ordered to give notice of this Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Facility operations referenced in this Order.
5. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by the Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until the Respondent receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director. Extension requests shall be sent to the Order Compliance Team at the address listed above.
6. The Executive Director may, without further notice or hearing, refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings if the Executive Director determines that the Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms in this Order.
7. This Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Order, whichever is later.
8. This Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against the Respondent in a civil proceeding, unless the proceeding is brought by the OAG to: (1) enforce the terms of this Order; or (2) pursue violations of a statute within the Commission's jurisdiction, or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the Commission under such a statute.

9. This Order may be executed in separate and multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single instrument. Any page of this Order may be copied, scanned, digitized, converted to electronic portable document format ("pdf"), or otherwise reproduced and may be transmitted by digital or electronic transmission, including but not limited to facsimile transmission and electronic mail. Any signature affixed to this Order shall constitute an original signature for all purposes and may be used, filed, substituted, or issued for any purpose for which an original signature could be used. The term "signature" shall include manual signatures and true and accurate reproductions of manual signatures created, executed, endorsed, adopted, or authorized by the person or persons to whom the signatures are attributable. Signatures may be copied or reproduced digitally, electronically, by photocopying, engraving, imprinting, lithographing, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, stamping, or any other means or process which the Executive Director deems acceptable. In this paragraph exclusively, the terms: electronic transmission, owner, person, writing, and written, shall have the meanings assigned to them under TEX. BUS. ORG. CODE § 1.002.
10. The effective date of this Order is the date it is signed by the Commission. A copy of this fully executed Order shall be provided to each of the parties.

SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission

Jacq Miller for Ramiro Garcia, Jr.
For the Executive Director

Date

9.22.16

Date

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached Order. I am authorized to agree to the attached Order, and I do agree to the terms and conditions specified therein. I further acknowledge that the TCEQ, in accepting payment for the penalty amount, is materially relying on such representation.

I also understand that failure to comply with the Ordering Provisions, if any, in this order and/or failure to timely pay the penalty amount, may result in:

- A negative impact on compliance history;
- Greater scrutiny of any permit applications submitted;
- Referral of this case to the Attorney General's Office for contempt, injunctive relief, additional penalties, and/or attorney fees, or to a collection agency;
- Increased penalties in any future enforcement actions;
- Automatic referral to the Attorney General's Office of any future enforcement actions; and
- TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law.

In addition, any falsification of any compliance documents may result in criminal prosecution.

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Signature

Robert L. Laughman

Name (Printed or typed)
Authorized Representative of
Aqua Utilities, Inc.

Date

July 13, 2016

Title

President

Instructions: Send the original, signed Order with penalty payment to the Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations Section at the address in Section III, Paragraph 1 of this Order.

☐ If mailing address has changed, please check this box and provide the new address below: